

REMARKS

Claims 17-20 are pending in the application. By this response claims 17-20 are amended, and claims 1, 8, 12-16 and 33-37 are canceled. No new matter has been added. In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the Application.

35 U.S.C. § 102 REJECTION MOOT

Claims 1, 8, 12-16 and 33-37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,642,343 to Toda *et al.* Claims 1, 8, 12-16 and 33-37 are canceled, making the rejection moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the instant rejection.

OBJECTION TO ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER RECTIFIED

Claims 17-20 stand objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 17-20 have been rewritten into independent form to include all of the limitations of the rejected base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the instant objection and allowance of the application.

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CONCLUSION

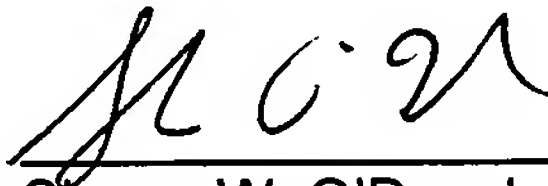
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